

Our Daily Bread
Sliced Thin by The Editor
Alex. H. Washburn
Fair Play
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Holiday Death Toll Nears 400 Mark

By The Associated Press
Accidents during the Christmas week have killed at least 395 persons throughout the nation.

Traffic mishaps took 276 lives between 6 p. m. Friday and midnight Sunday, exceeding the toll of 233 estimated for this period by the national safety council. Of the 112 deaths from miscellaneous causes, at least 37 were from fires.

At New Brunswick, N. J., seven members of one family perished in a fire which destroyed their home Christmas day. A family of six died in a fire at Barre, Mass., and a mother and two daughters died in a blaze at Terre Haute, Ind. Other fires took the lives of four members of one family at Kansas City, and five Negroes at Bessemer, Ala. A woman and her grandchild died as the result of a fire which destroyed a trailer at Philadelphia, and three persons died in an automobile fire near Palmdale, Calif.

Three other persons were frozen to death, two in Maryland where the temperature dropped to near zero, and one in Tennessee. The death toll by states (traffic and miscellaneous):

Alabama	3	Arizona	31
Arkansas	1	California	37-12
Colorado	24	Connecticut	0-3
Florida	4	Georgia	3-0
Idaho	10	Illinois	39-3
Indiana	15-3	Kansas	2
Kentucky	9-0	Louisiana	4-0
Massachusetts	3-3	Michigan	2-2
Minnesota	5-1	Mississippi	0
Missouri	5	Montana	0-1
Nebraska	0-1	Nevada	0
New Hampshire	0	New Jersey	21
New Mexico	1-0	New York	43
North Carolina	4-3	Ohio	2-2
Ohio	1	Oregon	2-1
Pennsylvania	10-2	Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	6-2	Tennessee	1
Texas	15-3	Utah	1-0
Vermont	2-1	Virginia	2-1
Washington	5-2	West Virginia	3-2
Wisconsin	13-4	Wyoming	0

At least four lives were snuffed off violently in Arkansas over the Christmas week. Two persons died in highway accidents, one in a house fire, and the death of a fourth person was due to death.

A speeding motorcycle caused the death of W. O. McBurnett, 42, of Sherrell. The machine slipped on a wet surface, and McBurnett, who was driving on a highway, died later in a hospital.

Oney Johnson, 29, Negro, North Little Rock, was killed when his car and another collided near Vicksburg, Miss., Christmas day.

Each day increased to 402, the number of Arkansas highway fatalities since Jan. 1, 1948.

Leodore R. Johnson, 43, Wood, self-employed farmer, drowned near McCalland, Ark., Christmas morning when a boat capsized in the White river. Three others in the boat swam to safety.

A 50-year-old laborer, Onal Eubanks, was shot to death near Vicksburg, Ark., Christmas day. Eubanks was in a parked truck yesterday, officers started a search for an unidentified Negro who had left Eubanks with the victim Saturday afternoon.

Last Week for 80th Congress

By REX CHANEY
Washington, Dec. 27 — (UP)—The 80th congress, President Truman's major target during the last session, goes out of existence today.

The Republican-controlled 80th will hold its final session today. The first congress will be born Monday with the Democrats in control of both house and senate.

No business has been scheduled for the Friday session. There will be fireworks for members who are leaving or who failed to win re-election, and perhaps a few exchanges of political jibes. But for all practical purposes, the work of the 80th congress is finished.

Senate Democrats will lay plans for the first congress at a conference Friday morning. They are expected to elect Sen. Albert W. Hawley, D., Ky., as their leader. During the time he takes the oath of office as vice president.

House Democrats have been talking up the possibilities for the 81st congress. Among them are Sen. Kenneth McKellar, of Tennessee, who formerly held the post, and Rep. J. P. Tamm, of Maryland, and Joseph C. O'Mahoney, of Wyoming.

The senate Republican policy committee has a meeting scheduled for Thursday, but it was expected primarily to lay the groundwork for the 81st congress. The committee is expected to discuss the 81st congress until after it convenes.

Wife of Wilson Estate Manager Succumbs

By The Associated Press
The wife of the trustee and manager of the late J. Lee Wilson estate died at her home at Wilson, Ark., Christmas day.

Mrs. J. Lee Wilson, 57, a resident of Wilson, died of a heart ailment after a long illness. She was the widow of J. Lee Wilson, who died in 1946. She was survived by a daughter and two sons.

White Christmas for Them... For Sure



The downed C-47 and its seven crewmen that have been marooned on this ice cap in Greenland since December 9 was right in this spot for Christmas. At the rear of the plane is the ice dug-out or igloo that the airmen built. Also shown are the supplies that have been dropped to them.

Punishment of Ilse Koch Demanded

Washington, Dec. 27 — (UP)—Seven senators joined last night in a formal demand that Ilse Koch be punished anew for her part in the atrocities of Buchenwald concentration camp.

In a report which censured many officials for reducing her life sentence to four years, the senate investigating committee headed by Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.) declared:

"It is legally possible Ilse Koch should be brought to justice in a United States military court."

Ferguson, in that report said the American military government of occupied Germany should move to have her tried in German courts. German nationals.

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"The Saipan, which left Norfolk Saturday, is due off the rescue launching point Wednesday. Even with improved weather, however, there is doubt that it can keep that schedule."

The Saipan was moving along at 27 knots (more than 30 M.P.H.) until it encountered winds up to around 100 miles an hour yesterday.

The skipper, Capt. Joseph L. Kane, first ordered the carrier slowed to 32 knots.

Better weather was expected today. But it seemed likely to get worse again when the Saipan passes Cape Race, possibly tonight.

Through it all, officers in charge of "Operation Ice Cap" continued confident that their helicopters can effect the rescue of the stranded airmen.

"See no insurmountable obstacles to completion of the mission," Kane radioed naval chiefs. But this confidence did not mean the officers felt they had an easy job. Conferences are being held constantly to talk over every conceivable angle.

Capt. William V. Davis, Jr., in charge of the actual flying operation, said rescue flights will be made only in clear weather. And the "windmills" as the helicopters are called, will go up only if winds do not exceed 40 miles an hour.

Would Change U. S. Medical Services

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST
Washington, Dec. 27 — (UP)—A report criticizing waste and duplication in government medical services brought in waiting today from Capitol Hill against economics at the expense of veterans.

The report was drafted by a "task force" of the commission headed by former President Herbert Hoover studying government reorganization.

It said that this year alone more than 400,000,000 for health and medical services, and 25,000,000 persons were taken care of by the government in some degree.

The report saw no letup in spending next year, noting that the veterans administration alone will spend as much in 1949 for medical services as all federal agencies.

Local Youth Dies at University Hospital

Floyd Rogers, about 20, son of L. P. Rogers of Hope, died early today at the University Hospital in Little Rock. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Rogers was a student at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He was a member of the Beta Beta Beta fraternity.

Bible Class Elects New Officers

Newly elected officers of the Central Bible Class of First Methodist Church are: L. P. Young, Jr., president; Ed Leavelle, vice-president; Herbert Burke, treasurer; Norman Moore, secretary. Teachers for the class are O. A. Jones, W. S. Adams, Teddy Jones, and L. P. Young, Jr.

UN Only Tool for Russia Says Dutch Envoy

Washington, Dec. 27 — (UP)—Dutch Ambassador Hendrik Moww said today the United Nations has become "suckers for Russian propaganda" in dealing with the Indonesian fighting.

In a press conference, Moww, head of the Netherlands legation here, said the U. N. was "playing the Russian game" by its cease-fire orders.

"The big question," he said, "is whether the Dutch Indies, the vulnerable part of southeast Asia, can resist the Communist tide in the Orient. Instead of blaming Holland for the present action, I think the world in the future will thank Holland."

The ambassador said the basic fight in Indonesia is over the question of returning economic stability.

"Throughout the world whenever first steps are taken toward stability, Russia immediately steps in," Moww said.

Given peace, the Indies would increase their economic position by leaps and bounds, he said.

Instead, Moww went on, "President Soekarno and other Indonesian republicans, had three come tools of the Communists" and were trying to perpetuate economic unrest.

He said this was part of a larger pattern in southeast Asia whereby Communist leaders are capitalizing on nationalism and "make satellites of weak states."

Summer Welles Said Reacting 'Favorably'

Washington, Dec. 27 — (UP)—Summer Welles, former undersecretary of state, was found unconscious in a snowdrifted Maryland field yesterday, his fingers and toes frozen. He remained in a serious condition today from "severe exposure and shock."

Welles apparently had lain in the field for several hours. The temperature was about 15 degrees above zero when he was found.

The 56-year-old former diplomat, an insomnia sufferer for years, frequently took walks late at night to help him get to sleep.

Welles regained consciousness yesterday afternoon but was unable to say what had happened, his physician, Dr. George R. Huff, man, said.

"The doctor added it would be a day or two before he would know whether any of Welles' fingers or toes might have to be amputated."

Circumstances indicated that Welles left his estate at nearby Oxon Hill, Md., in the early hours of Sunday.

A son, Arnold Welles, said the family believes he suffered a heart attack while out waiting. He was stricken with the heart ailment 18 years ago and has been under treatment for it since then.

Friends also reported that Welles has been deeply upset by the death in New York December 20 of Laurence Duggan, a close personal friend, Duggan, a protégé of Welles in the state department, was killed when he fell or jumped from his 16th office window.

After Duggan's death it was disclosed that his name had been linked with the current investigation of Communist spy activity in the state department ten years ago. Welles thereupon issued a statement in which he called Duggan an absolutely loyal public servant. Former Secretary of State Cordell Hull and Attorney General Clark, among others, also vouched for Duggan's loyalty.

Skyscraper Prisoners Break the Everyday Pattern Only at Christmas, New Years

By HAL BOYLE
New York, (UP)—There are two times in the year when the skyscraper prisoners dare to break the pattern.

They try to know each other then — at a Christmas party and a New Year's party.

The parties are held in the offices where they work, where in anonymous ways they have spent the year "doing the king's work, work all the day long," to borrow a phrase from cousin Browning.

It is then that the little folk who labor in the big skyscrapers make the daring investment in fellow ship.

All the months through they have worked side by side together, sharing their tasks but know each other no more than two eggs swimming in an equal oil.

And then some courageous expert of seasonal cheer says on the day before Christmas or New Year's:

"Let's throw a party — right here, before we go home."

Well, that's a big adventure here in the brave, concrete caverns of old New York. Because that means they have to break the pattern of their year-long anonymity. A few hold back and say, "No, I have to go home early. Got to help turn the tree."

But most of them have an eager desire to suspend "business as usual" and to know each other. To them a party in the office is as exciting as a party on a battlefield — and office boys, a sudden Galahad, that, of course, is exactly what it is.

The prettiest stenographer circulates an envelope bearing their leg-ends.

Now is the time for all good men and boys to come to the aid of the party.

So the hired hands grin and put their ready cash into the envelope.

And when it begins like Santa Claus, somebody takes it across the street and buys "the makings" — sandwiches, soda, ginger ale, and the golden fluid that makes a human zero take off his inhibitions and put on his personality.

The parties are of two kinds. In small offices the boss and the hired hands have the party together — like a lieutenant and his platoon sharing a bottle in an inter-lunch break.

But in big offices the celebration is more like those in an army headquarters. They break up into two parties. The "officers" go (where they can be alone together — as men with stars on their shoulders always are).

Israel Accused of Breaking Holy Land Truce

By JOSEPH E. DYMAN
Paris, Dec. 27 — (UP)—United Nations observers in Palestine today accused Israel of breaking the Holy Land truce by attacking Egyptian forces in the Negev desert.

The charges were contained in a lengthy report to the U. N. security council over the signature of Ralph J. Bunche, acting U. N. mediator in Palestine.

The report, slated for discussion by the council today, supported Egyptian complaints that Israeli forces reopened hostilities in violation of the council's truce order. Bunche declared "I have no knowledge of any incidents which could be claimed as a provocation to the fighting in the Negev."

The council will hold a private meeting at 3 p. m. (4 a. m., CST) to determine its schedule for the immediate future.

It faces challenges to its authority in Palestine and Indonesia. The council has ordered Netherlands authorities to halt the fighting in Indonesia and free Republican leaders captured by Dutch forces.

New Labor Conference Hopeful

By STERLING F. GREEN
Washington, Dec. 27 — (UP)—Pro-natalists that President Truman call a new labor-management conference, despite an almost total failure of his 1948 effort, gained strength today from his council of economic advisers.

Collective bargaining might become a great force for "labor peace and economic stability," the council said in its annual report, if there were some generally approved "standard of a fair wage" related to a given price structure.

The advisers dwell at length on the possibility that a second round of union and industry leaders might be a "point for agreement on such standards as a guide in labor negotiations."

"These standards would not be binding; they would be primarily recommendations of character," the economists told Mr. Truman.

"But from them, might emerge, after a testing period of time and experience, a better reasoned and therefore more workable formula of wage policies to be applied through collective bargaining."

The report, a forerunner of Mr. Truman's economic message to Congress due next week, was prepared by the three-member advisory council headed by Dr. Edwin G. Nourse.

Since the council also supplies Mr. Truman with the economic analysis on which he bases his own message, the report issued last night aroused speculation whether the president is weighing invitations to a new conference.

The council did not make a direct recommendation. It noted that the first conference, held only three months after the war, brought "few results."

Did the advisers suggested that a new conference might produce some agreement if it were carefully planned?

Public and farm representatives might also attend, it was suggested.

The council declared its "confident" belief that a high-production, high employment economy can be maintained in this country, free from major booms and depressions. And this can be done without resort to controls which would destroy basic freedoms of choice or weaken private enterprise or destroy basic freedoms of choice," the report said.

Mrs. Sooter Succumbs at Age of 36

Mrs. Pernie Sooter, aged 36, died Friday, December 24, at a local hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church with burial at Huckleberry cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, 3 sons, Floyd and Lloyd and Jimmy, two daughters, Oma Jean and Gerald, her mother, Mrs. Kate Taylor, three sisters, Mrs. Eunice Turner of Hope, Mrs. Bertha Faye Hayes of Maderia Calif., Mrs. Doris Harris of Lindsay, Okla., three brothers, Gaines of Shawnee, Oklahoma, James and Fred of Spring Springs, Texas, and Burdell of Lewisville.

W. G. Sooter Dies at Spring Hill

William G. Sooter, aged 60, died Saturday, December 25, at his home at Spring Hill. Funeral services were held yesterday at Spring Hill.

He is survived by his wife, five children, Mrs. T. R. McLaughlin of Grapewide, Mrs. J. L. Huckleberry of Baton Rouge, S. L. of Texarkana, Mrs. H. H. of Hope and R. E. of Spring Hill. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Spring Hill.

C. E. Cassidy Buys Interest in Machine Shop

Calvin E. Cassidy has severed relations with Franklin and Cassidy's Real Estate team here and with children, Mrs. T. R. McLaughlin of Grapewide, Mrs. J. L. Huckleberry of Baton Rouge, S. L. of Texarkana, Mrs. H. H. of Hope and R. E. of Spring Hill. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Spring Hill.

Social and Personal

Phone 1268 or 1269 Between 9 A. M. and 4 P. M.

YPVA, First Pentecostal Church Holds Yule Party

On Christmas Eve, under the soft glow of lights from the eleven-foot Christmas tree in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sullivan, the YPVA of the First Pentecostal Church held their annual Christmas party.

Each one attending was served original multi-flavored candy and individually named fruit from an evergreen wrapped basket lined with natural and silver cedar branches.

Gifts were exchanged and all guests received Christmas cards.

Coming and Going

Captain and Mrs. Chester C. Holloman of New York City, Jerome and Jack Duffie of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, are holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Patrick Duffie.

Miss Lucy Hannah has returned from a holiday visit with relatives and friends in Shreveport and Texas.

Miss Lucille Allen returned Sunday from Texarkana after spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Betty Fontaine.

Mrs. Earl A. Hastings of Sulphur Springs, Texas spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Wood of Blevins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beckworth and son, Dennis, Decatur of Springfield, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Beckworth and daughter, Linda of Mobile, Alabama, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fredrickson of Dallas were Christmas guests of their mother, Mrs. J. B. Beckworth.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carmichael of Dallas, and W. M. Ramsey, Sr. of Ranger, Texas were holiday guests of Mrs. W. M. Ramsey and Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Owen and son, Ralph Edward of Shreveport arrived Saturday to spend a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Owen here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Case and son, John S. of Camden and Miss Minnie Owen of Texarkana were holiday guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Owen.

Frank Robins, III of Conway will arrive Monday night to be the houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl O'Neal and Miss Dorothy O'Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Tooley and children spent Christmas with their parents in Clarksville, Texas.

Ed Balmer of New Orleans and Bob Oetting of Hot Springs left Sunday night after a holiday visit in the W. B. Ruggles home.

Mrs. Joe Martin has returned from the funeral of her niece, Mrs. Rebecca Moore, in Port Arthur, Texas.

Miss Lucille Ruggles will leave Tuesday morning for Atlanta, Ga. after spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bridwell of Morrilton spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bridwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Keith of Little Rock left Sunday after spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Bert Keith.

Miss Olive Jackson has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. H. L. Petty and family of Marianna. She was accompanied home by her sister for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tarpley and daughter, Charlotte spent the Christmas week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Miller in Morrilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Greenlee and daughter of Rosedale, Mississippi, spent the Christmas season with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hairston and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Greenlee.

Hospital Notes

Josephine
Mr. and Mrs. John Reynolds, Jr., McNab, announce the arrival of a daughter on December 24, 1948.

Admitted:
Mrs. Wilbur Oiler, San Antonio, Tex.

Mrs. Thell Jordin, Hope.

Mrs. Jack Hervey, Hope.

Dr. Pink Carrigan, Hope.

Chas. Roe, Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. John Reynolds, Jr., McNab.

Discharged:
Mrs. G. L. Thompson and little son, Hope.

Dr. Pink Carrigan, Hope.

Chas. Roe, Memphis, Tenn.

Master Benjie Owens, Hope.

Mrs. Ann Stevens, Blevins.

Mrs. Gib Lewis, Hope.

Mrs. Wood Nash and little daughter, Hope.

Mrs. V. E. Johnston and little son, Hope.

Mrs. Wilbur Oiler, San Antonio.

Julia Chester

Mr. and Mrs. LaGrone Williams, Hope, announce the arrival of a son, Keenan Charles, December 26, 1948.

Admitted:
Mrs. D. T. Chamberlain, Hope.

Mrs. LaGrone Williams, Hope.

Mrs. J. R. Gentry, Hope.

Discharged:
Mrs. John B. Shapley, Hope.

Branch

Miss Sybil Smith, Boston.

Carl Fuller, Hope.

Discharged:
John Wilson, Hope.

Roy Dockery, Hope.

Carl Fuller, Hope.

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Benton Woman Wins Kroger Award

Among the 50 winners of a 10-day all expense trip to Florida and Cuba in the Kroger company's inter-store contest is Mrs. Myra Adams of Benton, Arkansas. She was judged winner after attaining the highest percentage of increased sales during the eight weeks' anniversary sale among 60 store managers in Kroger's Little Rock Branch.

The winning store managers and their wives will leave for Cincinnati, Ohio, on January 2, where they will meet the other winning couples. Each of the winners will receive \$75 for extras, and all expenses of the trip will be paid by Kroger.

The group will go by special train to Jacksonville where they will change to motor coaches for an extensive trip to scenic spots in Florida. The trip including stops at Silver Springs, Cypress Gardens, Palm Beach, Daytona Beach and Bok Tower, ends with a two-day stay in Miami Beach's famed Hotel Vanderbilt.

A 10-day vacation is a cruise to Havana aboard a luxury liner. Here the winning couples will tour Havana and country side before returning to Cincinnati.

Court Docket

Municipal Court of Hope, Arkansas, December 27, 1948:

City Docket

Frank Phillips, disturbing the peace, forfeited \$10 cash bond.

Willie Garland, disturbing the peace, forfeited \$25 cash bond.

H. Moxley, possessing more than 1 gallon intoxicating liquor, forfeited \$100 cash bond.

Howard L. Pardo, passing an electric vehicle in an intersection, forfeited \$5 cash bond.

State Docket

W. C. Brown, reckless driving, plea guilty, fined \$25.

Elijah White, selling intoxicating liquor without license, forfeited \$50 cash bond.

Jethro Jefferson, transporting untaxed intoxicating liquor, forfeited \$50 cash bond.

Elijah White, possessing untaxed intoxicating liquor, fined \$50.

John Muldrow, trespass, dismissed on motion pro. attorney upon payment of costs.

Ed Jones, Jr., overdraft, dismissed on payment of costs. Check paid.

Doyle Atkins, no driver's license, dismissed.

Offie, no tail light on car, dismissed.

Jess Atkins, drunkenness, dismissed on motion pro. attorney.

John Estes, drunkenness, forfeited \$10 cash bond.

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Beware of Romance

By Roberta Courtland

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THE STORY: When sixteen-year-old Merry Carson learns that her selfish father, Kin, has asked her to marry him, she is faced with a choice between a life of poverty and a life of luxury.

St. Vincent's was reached by a narrow toll bridge above a swampy lake, the water of which was inky black. The late afternoon sunlight dancing on it in little silver ripples.

Merry was a little disappointed when the Cadillac pulled to a stop beside the patio entrance to an impressive modern stucco hotel that would have been perfectly at home in any large city. Foolishly, she had hoped their destination would be something like the old-fashioned Three Sherrys Inn she had glimpsed in the village.

They were given three connecting rooms at the corner of the second floor, overlooking the ocean. The rooms were bright, cheerful, clean, and as comfortable as personal as hotel rooms invariably are.

Susan, exhausted from the strain of the day's drive, staged a tantrum at sight of the rooms, and wailing about "being driven out of her home into this" as though it had been some sort of hovel, collapsed and had to be put to bed, and fed tea and toast and a sleeping tablet, before Aunt Jane and Merry could get about their own selves. But once Susan was asleep, Aunt Jane came into Merry's room and said briskly, "Well, youngster, how about dinner? I'm starved. I've heard you get wonderful food here. And I'm all set for a nice feast."

Merry hesitated. "But do you think we ought to leave Mother alone?"

Aunt Jane looked at her quietly, her eyes warm and tender.

"Merry, darling, you're probably going to be pretty angry with me, but it seems to me it's about time you and I had a little frank speech," she said firmly.

In spite of herself, Merry giggled.

"Anything more frank than I've been hearing from you lately, Aunt Jane, I'm afraid to hear," she confessed.

Aunt Jane looked pleased at the small glimmer of humor in Merry's eyes but plunged on.

"Susan has had a shock and she's going to reveal in her martyrdom for a while, and you and I are going to have our hands full pulling her out of it. She insisted, 'If we could her and have over her and give in to her, she may really blow her top. Merry!'"

Merry caught her breath and she coldly clutched her heart.

Aunt Jane nodded. "A neutral Merry, who gives way to her nurses it and broods over her misery and dwells on it constantly, can become mentally ill to a degree that no physician can possibly help."

"So you and I are going to have to make Susan snap out of it for her own sake. That's one reason I talk back to her now."

Aunt Jane said that she makes me so angry that I couldn't help her. Now come on and let's see about that sea food."

(To Be Continued)

The Doctor Says:

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.
Written for NEA Service

It is said that gout is one of the most painful of all human diseases. Although familiar to nearly everyone through the cartoons and writings of English literature, until 15 or 20 years ago it was supposed to be rare in North America. Unfortunately, it is more common than was thought.

The cause of gout is not known although there are several curious things about it which one would think would give a clue. It is almost entirely a disease of men. The few women who have it may develop a severe chronic stage of the disease as bad as that of men. Typical acute gout is likely to start with terrific pain at the base of one of the big toes. This pain is sharp and frequently awakens the victim from a sound sleep in the middle of the night. The joint is extremely tender so much so that even the weight of bed clothes may be too much to bear.

Overindulgence in food often seems to bring on an attack. Many patients with gout report an exceptional meal before the first attack.

Certain Foods Taboo

Gout is associated with certain foods which contain substances called purines. Liver, sweetbreads, kidney, tripe and calf's tongue are rich in the amounts of purines which they contain. Other foods like sausage, beef, pork, veal, and several kinds of fish also have a lot of purines and not safe for the sufferer from gout.

By proper knowledge of diet and sometimes by the addition of one or two drugs, it is often possible to prevent attacks of acute gout or at least to make them less often. In those who have had acute gout for years, chronic form often appears which doctors now call gouty arthritis. In this phase of gout, crystal-like substances are deposited in or near the joints. These cannot be dissolved but are not very painful between acute attacks. However, these crystals, called urates, can become so numerous that they are disfiguring, some reaching the size of hen's eggs or even larger. Occasionally they break through the skin and drain out for a long time.

QUESTION: Can a liver enlarged by hepatitis be cured? Can the yellowing of the skin be cleared up?

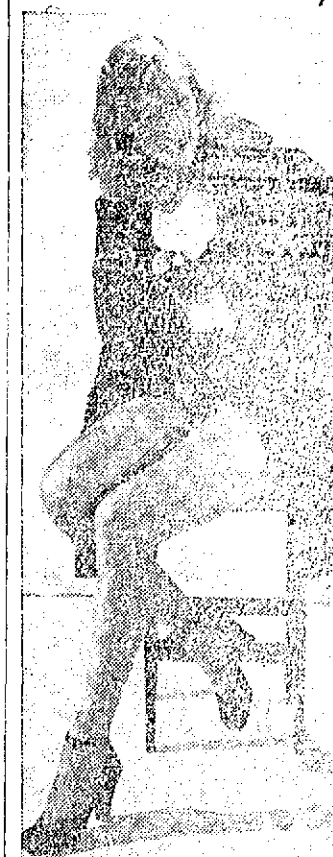
ANSWER: This is a tough one. Both the enlargement of the liver and the yellow color of the skin can improve although as yet there is no treatment which can be relied on to accomplish these results.

Honest Reporter.

Reporter Lucy Lea Hurt of the Stuttgart Daily Leader may deserve a nomination for some honor by being in her column "The Glass Dome."

"I was a little disappointed at the poor reporting job I did on the deer hunt this past week, but I had a hard time finding out anything from the weary hunters."

It's a Fur Cry



It's a fur cry from the sunny beaches of Florida to the wintry blasts up north, but this outfit is good both places. Dea Gentry, "Miss Caracul of 1949," wears a caracul jacket over a caracul bathing suit.

With Arkansas Citizens in Washington

By GORDON BROWN

AP Special Washington Service

Washington, Dec. 27.—Rep. Dea Gentry has not given up in his battle against the Washington telephone directory.

In fact, he thinks he may win it.

Gathings, you may recall, ran up against a stone wall last summer when he tried to get his name listed in the directory under the number national 3120—the exchange for all of Capital Hill.

What happened was this:

When Gathings first came to Congress, each member was allowed one telephone on the Capitol exchange. Feeling he needed two, Gathings had another installed in his office at his own expense. This phone, on another number was listed in the phone book.

Last summer, the Capitol exchange was enlarged and each congressman given two phones on it. Since he didn't need three phones, Gathings gave up his private line but asked that his office continue to be listed in the directory with the number national 3120.

His argument is that when a constituent comes to town and wants to call him, the constituent naturally looks in the phone book under "Gathings." He goes no reason why the constituent can't be listed under the number national 3120.

Any congressman who wants to be listed, he said, should be entitled to it.

Anyway, the phone company said it couldn't do it unless the House agreed to it. The clerk of the House said he had no power to authorize it.

So that left Gathings without a further recourse at the time.

New, however, he plans to take it up with the House Committee on House Administration. He thinks it should rule that no congressman who wants to be listed under national 3120 can do so—provided he pays the 25-cent monthly charge.

Since Democrats are taking over House control next month, he thinks maybe he has a chance.

In other words, the Democratic victory last November also may flatten the Washington telephone directory by several hundred names.

During the war when the government was seeking for various resources, it looked into diamond deposits near Murfreesboro, in Pike county, Ark.

The results of this inquiry now have been opened to public scrutiny at the office of the Bureau of Mines.

The investigation, which was to determine the possibilities of obtaining a source of industrial diamonds, consisted of drilling and sampling over an area of 100 acres.

The report tells in detail how the deposit was sampled and how the samples—175 tons—were treated to recover 32 diamonds.

Expert appraisal, says Mines Director Angus Dred, showed the stones to be of good industrial quality.

Senator Fulbright may have lost a battle but helped win a war.

He lost his fight last summer to have Arkansas listed in the Western Reclamation Act.

His prime purpose, he said, was to have the Reclamation Bureau see what could be done to provide additional water for the Grand Prairie, Ark. reclamation project.

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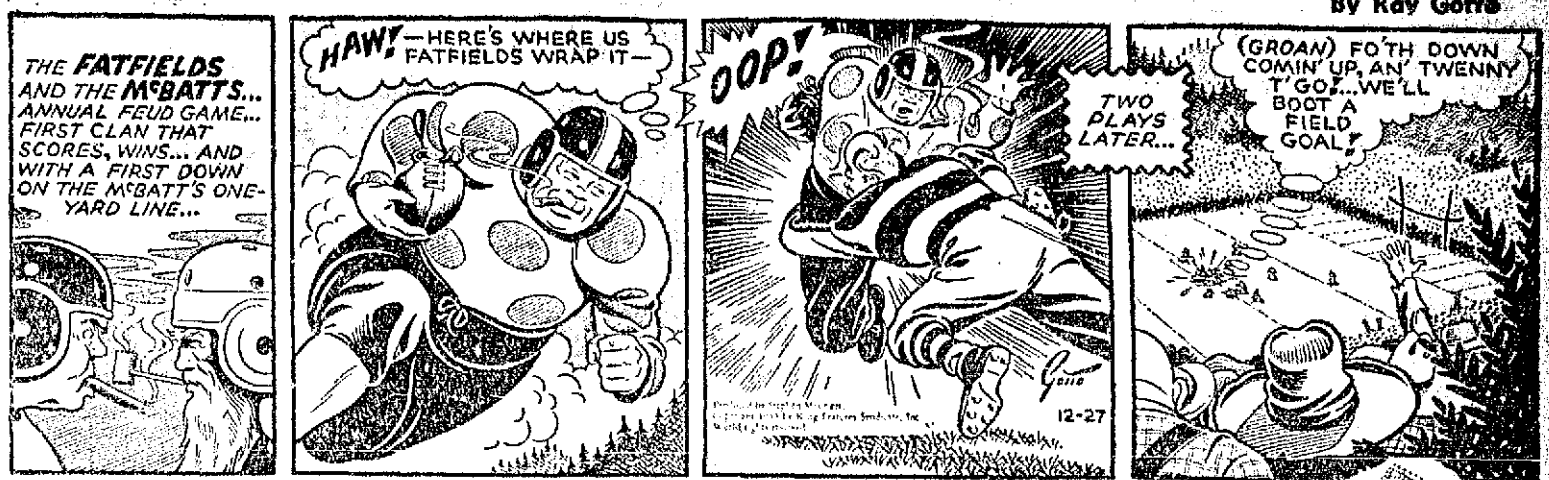
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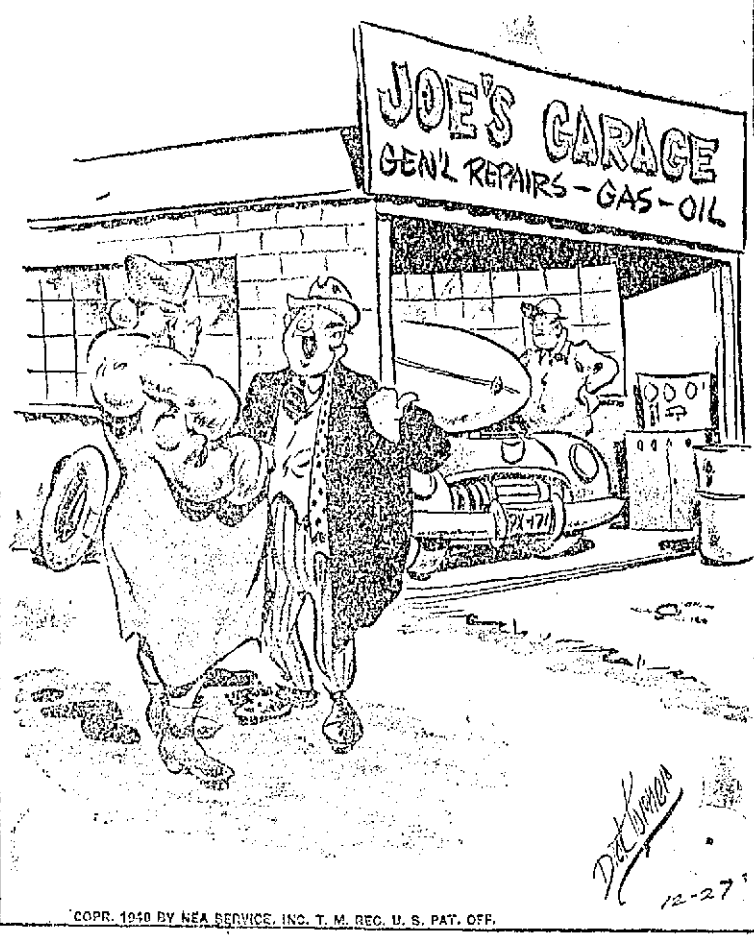
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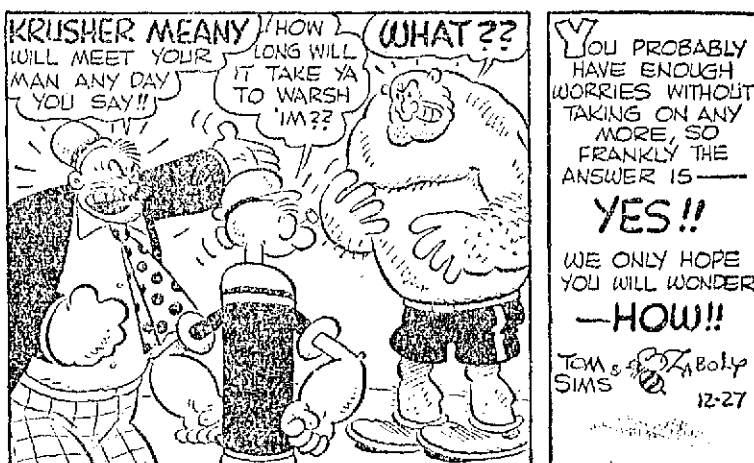
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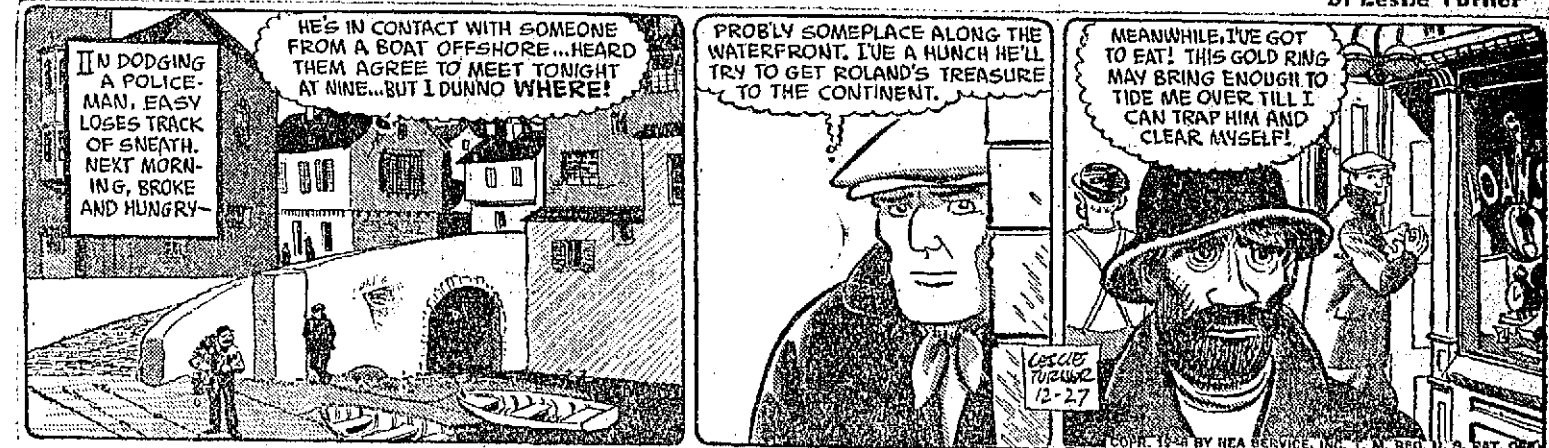
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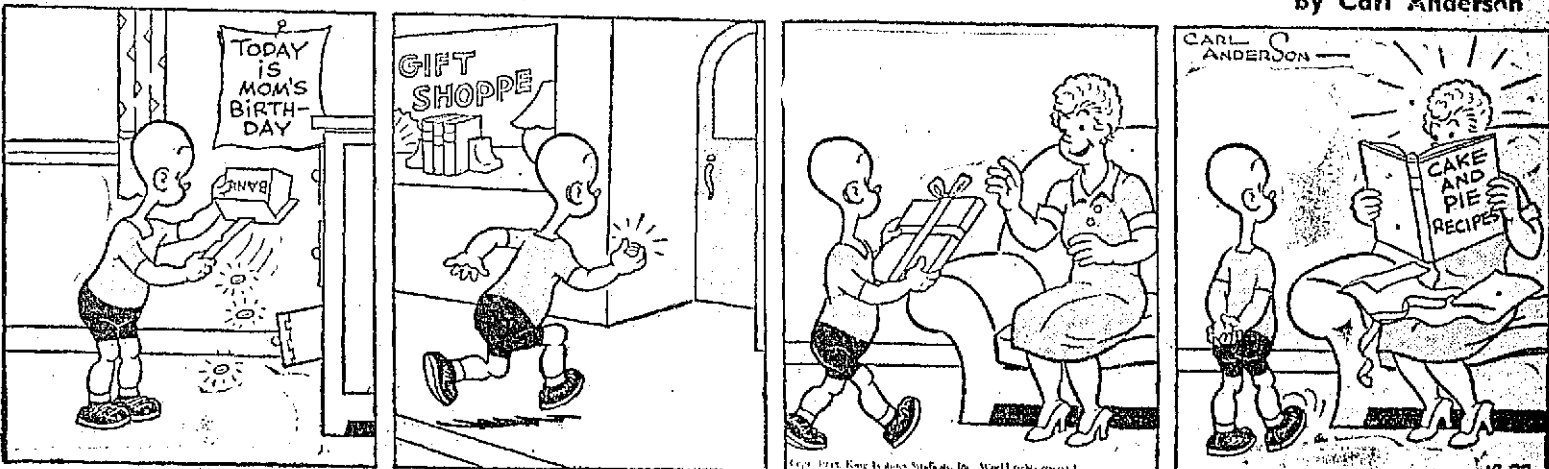
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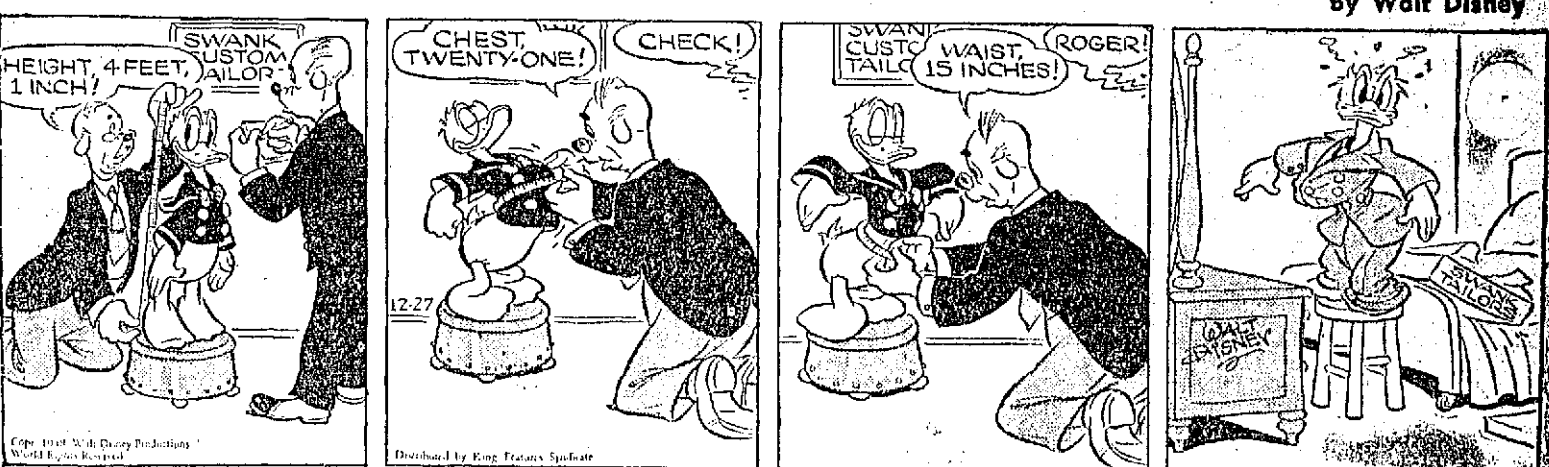
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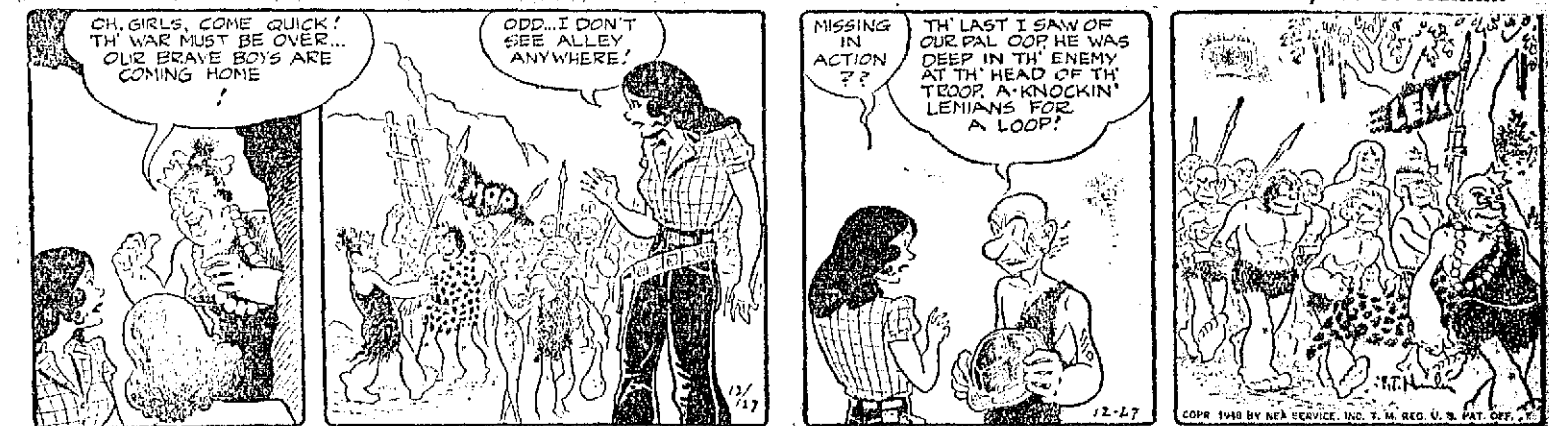
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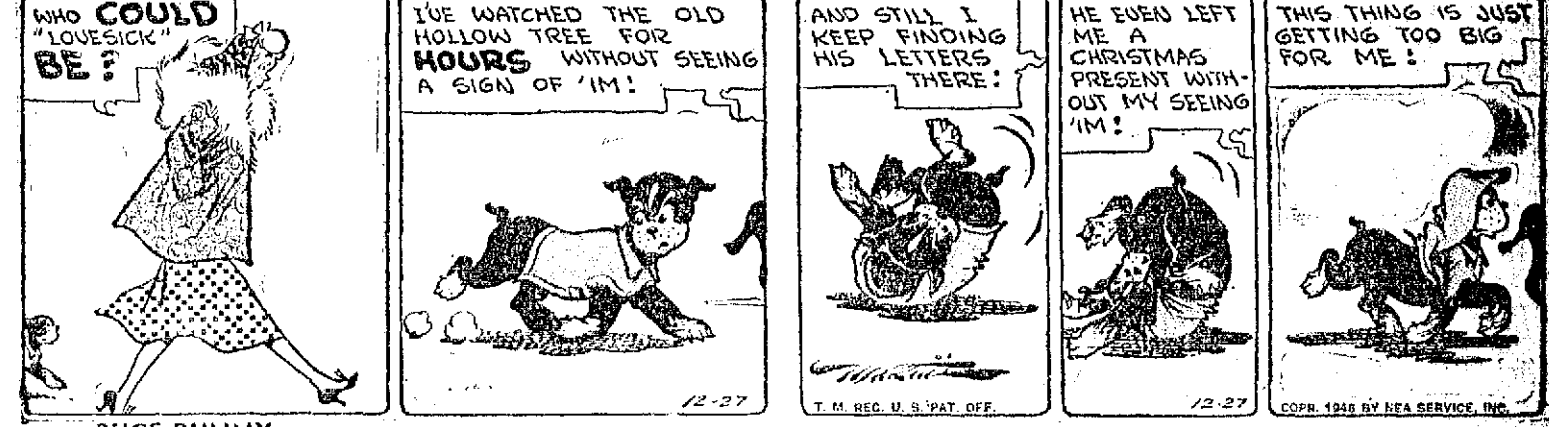
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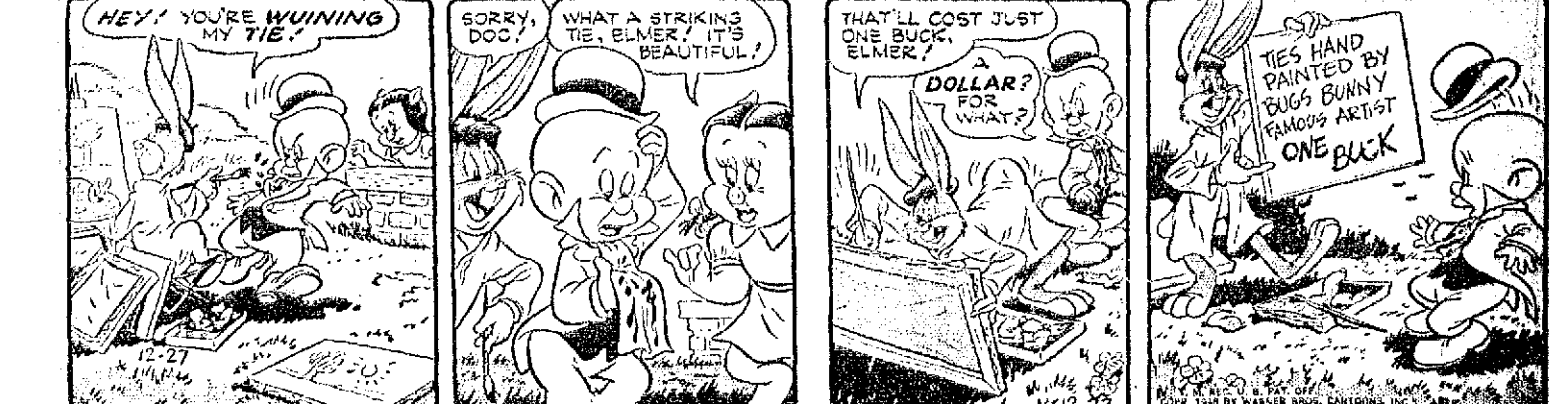


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By Westbrook Pegler

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Robert E. Stripling, the chief investigator of the house committee on un-American activities, has resigned on a high note of triumph. He is a combination of Major Dreyfus and the French officer who was sent to Devil's Island on a frameup, and the Count of Monte Cristo, who escaped from prison on another island and got humiliated with his enemies. He is sitting on top of the world now, publicly respected, and even honored by the American army which, a few years ago, kept him in the military and degraded status of yard-bird as political punishment for his majesty.

Stripling had refused to obey a command to hop right down to the office of Eleanor Roosevelt when that great and gracious lady was spinning her webs from the White House. The great and gracious lady was in some kind of throes of passion, the inveterate professional, and even when he had been nailed in the Committee's belief that he had wangled his way into the White House, she was trying to get him a free commission in the navy. In the White House, we read in the memoirs of Henrietta Nesbitt, the Roosevelt's housekeeper, Lash always ordered steak, even after dining in. Henrietta prayed that he would order something else, "but he never did."

"The youth movement served to bring him to our attention," Mrs. Nesbitt wrote, "and after this, he had him in fact for weeks at a time. People often wondered how he came to be an honored guest. Incidentally, he once had Christmas dinner with Winston Churchill. The answer to his country, I think, Mrs. Roosevelt's belief in freedom of speech. He tried to get a commission and couldn't and had to enlist as a private."

He got a soft touch, though. He was first put to the test as an officer of watching the weather near Washington and not too far from those White House steps. Later he was in Florida where his majesty just happened by on one of her self-imposed tours of patriotic duty, using up plenty of gasoline. Later she just happened along where he just happened to be in Rhode Island, and, for a final test, she helped herself to a four-course dinner, manned by a dozen officers and enlisted soldiers who were supposed to be fighting a war, and after making passes and feints as far away as New Zealand, sure enough, landed on the island where Joe Lash was.

All this was done at public expense with scarce and rationed fuel, with a pretense, however, that the Red Cross was to receive a gift of money equal to her earnings from her column during her absence. But the Red Cross refused to name the amount and there is no reason to take her uncorroborated word that she gave anything at all. Pat Robinson, the war correspondent of International News on the island where she rushed up and kissed Joe Lash, asked a question. "How would you like to be kissed by the president's wife?" The answer was: "I would like a dam good sight rather he kissed by my own."

Eventually, Lady I presided at a wedding arranged between Pal Joey Lash and an immigrant from Austria named Gertrude Pratt, who had married one of the rich Standard Oil barons and had been divorced. Dowsy no more, she was. This sketches the interesting quality of the friendship between Joe Lash and the great and gracious lady when Bob Stripling, the chief investigator of the committee, was in the White House and I said to myself "uh-oh; this is the business!"

"He went over there and they had some lunch, little old lunch and she said to him, 'I want to fix it up so Joe here — Joe here at the lunch, too, of course — so Joe here could get a commission in the navy. She said he had been wanted by me and she had a little executive session so he could wash his face. The navy was holding up his commission on account of his past life. I told Mrs. Roosevelt that I was going to fix things up for a committee of cheap little old fellow-travelers. But those countryboy congressmen resist an invitation to the White House."

"So he had an executive session and Lash said how he had changed his opinions. So the committee asked him about this and that and he said, 'I'm a Communist.' And Lash said he didn't care there to make trouble for his old friends and the upshot of it all was that the committee just wrote his draft board and they grabbed him as a private."

However, the gracious lady got her revenge. The little special task of the navy in New York which stopped Joe Lash's commission was debunked. His files disappeared. The commissioned ranks

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C. D. McSwain are visiting relatives in El Dorado before returning to their home.

Mrs. John C. Munn is spending the Yuletide season in McGehee as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Allen are visiting relatives in Beloit, Wisconsin.

Miss Mary Jane Coleman and Granville Coleman, students at University of Arkansas are guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ackerman of Butler, Mo. spent Saturday and Sunday as the guests of Mrs. Thomas Hesterly and her grandmother, Mrs. H. H. Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Gee and daughter, Mary Ethel of Texarkana and Mrs. J. E. Smith are guests of relatives in Prescott on Saturday.

Miss Mildred Guthrie who is an instructor in San Jacinto High School, Houston, Texas is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Guthrie.

Dr. and Mrs. James Guthrie and sons, Jimmy and David of Camden were the weekend guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Guthrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Dewdney and children spent Christmas week in St. Louis as guests of his sister, Mrs. Ed Deckman and family.

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Hogan Listed as Leading Money Winner

Chicago, Dec. 27 — (AP) — Ben Hogan, golf's man of the year, was officially tabbed by the P. G. A. today as 1948's leading money winner. Hogan won the Ryder cup trophy and led the money list.

Hogan was credited with a certified total of \$32,112 in tournament earnings. Lloyd Mangrum was second with \$31,269.99 after racing Hogan down to the final trophy at the Miami Open.

Mangrum, however, was the biggest over-all winner with \$45,898.32 after grabbing \$14,608.33 in competition not sponsored by the P. G. A. Hogan captured only \$4,700 in non-P.G.A.-sponsored competition.

Hogan won the Vardon trophy with a score of 69.30 strokes per round in 76 rounds. Clayton Heafner of Charlotte, N. C., was second with a 70.43 standard. Mangrum averaged 69.97 and Jimmy Demaret of Ojai, Calif., noted being disqualified for picking up in tournament play.

Hogan topped the Ryder cup list with 906 points followed by Mangrum with 701 and Demaret with 615.

Kentucky, St. Louis May Meet

New York, Dec. 27 — (AP) — Kentucky, St. Louis, the game has been called off by the National Football League. The game will be played this week.

It all depends on which way the round ball bounces. Kentucky, the NCAA champion, is paired against Tulane in the Sugar Bowl basketball game. Kentucky will play Tulane on Wednesday night, on the same card St. Louis, the National Invitational tournament champ, meets Holy Cross, Eastern NCAA runnerup.

If both win, Kentucky and St. Louis will tangle Thursday night. If they don't, it was a nice dream. At least, it was a nice dream. At least, it was a nice dream. At least, it was a nice dream.

The Wildcats have won seven in a row this season without losing. St. Louis has won five. Kentucky and the Billikens are only two of the nation's top three. And all three of them risk their spotless records this week.

Other teams that have come out on top every time are Washington State, Stanford, and the Big Ten. The Big Ten has won 10 straight. Washington State has won 10 straight. Stanford has won 10 straight.

Washington State takes its 10 game winning streak, the longest in the country, into a Pacific Coast conference tournament today at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Also on hand will be Southern California (13-4), Stanford (8-0), Oregon (6-3), California (6-5), Oregon (6-4), Washington (5-1) and UCLA (6-1).

The Big Seven has its annual private affair at Kansas City starting today with Harvard as an invited guest to fill out an eight team bracket.

Three of the unbeaten clubs—Vanderbilt, Dartmouth and Minnesota—converge on Des Moines, Iowa, where they'll team with Drake in the annual Corn Bowl tournament Wednesday.

From Stillwater are favored to retain their title in the Oklahoma City eight team tournament. The opposition will include Alabama (4-0), Auburn (2-2), Baylor (2-5), Colorado (1-5), Texas (6-1) and Texas Tech (7-1).

Cleaning the Cuff
Papa Bear George Halas predicts that just-drafted George Talbot of Indiana will become one of pro football's great backs. "He's going back to Indiana, but he'll be an All-American next season and make us look good," says Halas.

Pro football's current slump would continue for at least another year. Lightweight Champion Williams of Trenton, N. J., was named fighter of the year because his fighting achievement was outstanding and because his personal conduct was exemplary. The Trenton Negro achieved 10 straight victories during 1948. They included 11 defenses against Enrique Bonaventura, Beau Jack and Jess Flores. No other champion made more than one successful defense.

Some Swiss Fear to Become Member of National Group
Bern—AP—The upper chamber of the Swiss Parliament decided at a recent session to apply for the admission of Switzerland to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. A recommendation to that effect from the parliamentary foreign affairs commission was approved by 22 votes to one. Despite the almost unanimous vote, several deputies expressed a fear that Swiss membership in UNESCO might eventually compromise Switzerland's traditional neutrality. Similar fears have hitherto excluded Swiss membership of the United Nations itself.

The proposed Swiss contribution of 1.67 per cent to the UNESCO budget. The chamber finally approved the commission's recommendation, after Foreign Minister Alex Petit had assured the deputies that the constitution of UNESCO would permit Switzerland's withdrawal at any time, if the government considered the organization might interfere with the country's neutrality or vital interests.

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48 Click beetle
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